(c) whether special guidelines have been followed in construction of houses in earthquake prone big cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The State Government has reported that a detailed investigation is being carried out for an assessment of the structures of all affected areas. The result of the survey will be helpful to derive whether norms for constructing high rise buildings were followed.

(c) and (d) The State Government has reported that construction activity in cities is governed by the Gujarat Town Planning and Urban Development Act 1976 which inter-alia provides that structural designs of all buildings should be as per the National Building Code.

This Ministry had written to the State Governments in May 1998 to devise an action plan for disaster mitigation in the light of recommendations of an Expert Group set up by Government. The State Governments have since been reminded to take urgent follow up action in the wake of Gujarat earthquake.

Allotment of flats to property dealers by DDA

1123. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been found that 48 flats were allotted to two property dealers in Delhi in violation of rules and regulations by the officials of Delhi Development Authority in August, 2000;

(b) whether further inquiries have been made in the case; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no allotment of flats under Expandable Housing Scheme was made in August, 2000. However, 48 flats under Expandable Housing Scheme were allotted through computerized draw held on 28.9.2000 to the original registrants of the Scheme with the approval of the competent authority.

(b) and (c) The CBI have seized the files pertaining to allotments of aforesaid 48 flats to inquire into the allegations of alleged irregularities in the allotment of these flats. The matter is under investigation with the CBI.